

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 546

By Boyd

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Donna Wright, Wilson County Director of Schools, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding school administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional individual is Dr. Donna Wright, who, after a distinguished career as an educator, has announced her retirement from the Wilson County school system; and

WHEREAS, prior to her appointment as director of schools for Wilson County Schools in 2014, Dr. Wright served as a teacher, principal, administrator, and assistant superintendent for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, named Superintendent of the Year in 2019 by the Mid-Cumberland Region of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, Dr. Donna Wright has worked diligently to improve academics in Wilson County while addressing the rapid growth sweeping the school system; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as director of schools, Wilson County Schools has ranked as a Level 5 district in both growth and progress; the ACT composite score has risen to the top fifteen percent in the State; more students are eligible for HOPE scholarships and the Tennessee Promise scholarship program; and the school system has seen a fifty-four percent increase in the awarding of college credits to AP and/or dual enrollment students; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Wright was named Wilsonian of the Year in 2018 by the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce, Superintendent of the Year by the

Professional Educators of Tennessee in 2016, and honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the University of Tennessee in 2015, and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career in education, Dr. Donna Wright has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the students, parents, teachers, and school board members of Wilson County alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Donna Wright our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud her dedication to the youth of Tennessee, and wish her much happiness and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.